Bible and Daily Living

God in Christ

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GOD IN CHRIST
Lesson for September 25, 1983
Bible Study Passages: John 14:8-11; Hebrews 1:1-4; I John 1:1-4
Introduction

The crowning glory of God's creation is not humankind. God's crowning glory in his revelation of Jesus Christ. No other event in history has had such a profound influence as the coming of Christ.

Over the past three weeks we have studied how God revealed himself in creaiton, in history, and through the spoken word of his prophets. Now we turn our attention to God and his most complete revelation in Jesus the Christ.

All of life revolves around God and his Son, and our response to God determines how meaningful or meaningless our life will be. We have to decide one way or the other. There is no real middle ground where we simply live in limbo. The question, "What shall I do with Christ?" demands not an answer but a response. The answer to such a question must be given in the form of a response to invest one's life in discipleship, or to live selfishly to oneself.

This week's lesson looks at the crucial role Christ can play in human life.

Jesus and John the Baptiser [John 1:14-18]

In this passage of study we hear John describe the preeminence and eternal existence of Jesus. And even though John the Baptiser was born before Jesus, he was still able to say, "he was before me."

I attended Bluefield College in the mountains of western Virginia. This college is nestled at the foot of the East River mountain range. The setting is beautiful and inspiring. The slogan for this college is expressed in the phase, "A campus where Christ is preeminent." I used to wonder exactly what that meant. Well, John's writing helps me understand, for when John describes the preminence of Christ, he is talking about Christ's supremacy and eternal existence.

Jesus and His Father [John 14:8-11]

Jesus had a difficult struggle convincing his disciples who he was and what his mission was on earth. John 14 describes some of the parting words Jesus gave to his disciples. The opening verse of Chapter 14 says, "Let not your hearts be troubled by many things."

Philip was troubled that a divine person like Jesus should experience such things as rejection, crucifixion, and death. Jesus encourages Philip by reaffirming his relationship with the Father. Jesus further affirmed that his words and his works were accomplished by the Father's presence in him.

Jesus and the Prophets [Hebrew 1:1-4]

The prophets were major spokesmen for God during various crises in Israel's history. But what they received from God was at best fragmented and incomplete. They received only bits and pieces of information and never had the total picture. But what he spoke through the prophets was sufficient at the time.

No one would be able to describe the Father in the way that Jesus did. And no one since can give a clearer picture of God than the Person of Christ. In every way Christ revealed the Father.

Jesus and His Disciples [I John 1:1-4]

Every writer in the New Testament seeks to exalt Christ to his supreme position in history. The writer of I John especially declares the reality of Christ as a defense against those who believed that Jesus only appeared to be human. These skeptics were known as Docetics. These could never believe that God would stoop to become human flesh.

John wrote to declare his belief - as well as the beliefs of his fellow disciples - that Jesus was indeed real as a person. Some today still have a struggle believing that Jesus was at the same time both human and divine. Some cannot absorb the idea that Jesus walked and lived and struggled as we "humans" do. But the Bible testifies that Jesus was in every way a human. There is comfort in knowing that Jesus was and is a fellow struggler with us.

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Galilee news notes

Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Worship services at Galilee this past Sunday were very enjoyable. A large crowd attended. Pastor Davis delivered a thoughtful message and the Youth Service Singers were at their best.

Afternoon services with Rev. Robert Jones of St. Luke were very inspiring. We were very happy and pleased with the large number in attendance. The service was for the benefit of the NAACP. Let us continue to support our community organizations. Miss Deborah Kelso is seeking the NAACP Queen title from Galilee.

The cookout held at the Kelso home in Appomattox last Saturday was a success. We wish to thank all for their support.

Thanks be to God for his goodness and mercy. We are happy that the sick of our church and community are improving. Let us continue in prayer one for another.

The senior choir president wishes to remind all members of our regular rehearsal on Saturday before the first Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Have you read any of the Proverbs from your Bible lately?

Have a good week and God bless.

Church sets yard sale

The members of St. James United Methodist Church of Riverville will have a big yard sale Saturday, Sept. 24, 1983 at Gladstone Firehouse from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will also be a bake sale at the same time and hot dogs and drinks will be for sale.

If anyone has items they would like to donate, please call Shirley Gunter at 933-8018, or Barbara Carter 933-8285, or Lori Lyle 933-4304.

Deaths

Henry R. Cabell

Henry R. Cabell, formerly of Lynchburg, died Saturday, Sept. 17, 1983, in South Louisiana Medical Center in Houma, La.

He was born Oct. 1, 1926, at Clifton in Appomattox County, a son of the late Dr. Guy Cabell and Valentine Harris Cabell. He was a graduate of Appomattox High School and attended Lynchburg College and the University of Virginia.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the American Legion. He was employed as an inspector with Brown & Root Construction Company of Houston, Texas and was a member of the Episcopal church.

He is survived by a sister, Anne C. Giles, Lynchburg; two brothers, Paul C. Cabell, Overland Park, Kan., and Clifton Cabell, Hackberry, La., and several nieces and nephews.

A military funeral will be conducted at Arlington National Cemetery and a memorial service will be held at Diuguid Rivermont Chapel, with arrangements for both services now incomplete and to be announced at a later date.

Frank Clark

Frank Clark, Route 1, Appomattox, departed this life Friday in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Campbell County, he was a son of Mrs. Eva Jones Clark and the late Joe Clark. He was a member of St. Luke Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by four brothers, Henry Clark and Jimmy Clark, both of Concord, George Clark, Lynchburg, and Ernest Clark, Appomattox; eight sisters, Mrs. Inez Patrick, Appomattox, Mrs. Ruth Hamlett, Phenix, Mrs. Helen Guyton, Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Colleen Guion, Mrs. Carolyn Jones and Mrs. Mary P. Yeldell, all of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Myrtle Lipscomb, Silver Spring, Md., and Mrs. Corrine Forbes, Baltimore, Md., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 4 p.m. from St. Luke Baptist Church, the Rev. Robert Jones officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lucille Akers Harvey

Lucille Akers Harvey, wife of W. Eston Harvey of Appomattox, died Saturday, Sept. 17, 1983, in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

She was born in Nelson County, a daughter of the late Russell Franklin Akers Sr. and Winnie Lee Bolton Akers. She was a member of Red Oak Baptist Church and was a retired school teacher, having taught in Virginia and Massachusetts.

In addition to her husband, she is survivied by a daughter, Mrs. Patricia H. Turner, Reston, and two grandchildren, Lisa and Michael Turner.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday from Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. James Vaught, with burial in Red Oak Baptist Church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Marshall A. Hunter

Mrs. Edythe Josephine Martin Hunter, 75, wife of Marshall A. Hunter, Route 4, Appomattox, died Friday, Sept. 16, 1983, at her residence.

Born in Appomattox county, she was a daughter of the late Emmette Blackwell Martin and Maude Annie Moore Martin. She was a member of Mount Comfort United Methodist Church, where she was a life member and past president of the United Methodist Women. She was a member of Appomattox County Retired Teachers Association, the American Association of Retired Persons, the Appomattox Arts and Crafts Co-Op, and the Order of Pythian Sisters in Raleigh, W. Va. A graduate of Farmville State Teachers College (now Londwood College), she taught school in Appomattox County and in Raleigh, County, W.VA.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by five sisters, Mrs. George W. (Gladys) Taylor, Kingsport, Tenn., Mrs. Melvin W. (Alice) Drinkard, Appomattox, Mrs. H. Burnett (Lloyd) Smith, Lynchburg, Mrs. Charles T. (Ruby) Moses, Jr., Appomattox, and Mrs. Lewis K. (Helen) Bussey Jr., Roanoke; 22 nieces and nephews, 41 great-neices and nephews, and one great-great-nephew.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday at Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. David B. Camden. Interment was in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Harry W. Jones

Harry W. Jones of Cleveland, Ohio, died Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 14, 1983, after a long illness. He was the husband of Mary Young Jones.

Born in Campbell County, he was the son of Edith Cheatham Jones of 1553 Knot St, and the late Sampson Jones. He was a retired disabled veteran of the U.S. Army.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by six sons, Bruce, Mark, Daniel, Kevin, Ronald and Steven Jones, and three daughters, Edith, Teresa and Michelle Jones, all of Cleveland; two brothers, Wesley H. Jones of Lynchburg and Michael C. Jones of Atlantic City, N.J.; nine sisters, Mrs. Ruby Green of Arlington, Mrs. Betty Cardwell and Mrs. Anna Canada, both of Concord, Mrs. Annie Dixon of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Louise Burks, Mrs. Nancy Wood, Mrs. Clara Johnson, Mrs. Celestine Jackson and Mrs. Virginia Jones, all of Lynchburg; two grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was conducted Monday, Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. at Cummings and Davis Funeral Home, 13201 Euclid Ave., East Cleveland, Ohio.

Mt. Shiloh

You are invited to attend worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday. The Rev. Donny Ray will be guest speaker.

The men of the church will meet Saturday, Sept. 24 at 9 a.m. to do special clean-up work.

Mr. Willie Harvey is back home after a stay in the hospital. Let us pray for him and all sick and shut-in.

All non-registered citizens of the county, 18 years and older, are reminded, voter registration will be conducted Thursday, Sept. 22, 1983 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Spout Spring Community Center. Sponsored jointly by the Appomattox Voters League and the Appomattox Assembly.

The Appomattox Voters League will hold its regular meeting Monday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Spout Spring Community Center. All interested citizens are urged to attend.

MUSIC STUDENTS shown, left to right, are Susan Morris, Patricia Chandler, Becky Baker, Nancy Morris, Connie Krantz, and Alice Angel.

Students earn music awards

High school students in the area graduating in 1984 have received their gold cups from the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs. These are awards earned from the Virginia State Federation and The National Federation of Music Clubs.

Susan Morris has earned six gold cups, 15, 30 and 45 points in solo piano, 15 and 30 in piano duet, and 15-points in hymn playing. She graduated from Appomattox County High School.

Patricia Chandler has earned six gold cups, 15, 30 and 45 points in piano solo, 15 and 30 in piano duet and 15 points in hymn playing. She graduated from Appomattox County High School.

Becky Baker, a senior at Rustburg High School, has earned two gold cups, 15 point cut in piano solo and 15 point cup in piano duet.

Nancy Morris, a graduate of Appomattox County High School, has earned seven gold cups. They are 15, 30, and 45 point cups in piano solo, 15 and 30 point cups in piano duet, 15 point cup in hymn playing and 15 point cup in organ.

Connie Krantz, a senior at Appomattox County High School, has earned three gold cups. They are 15 point cups in piano solo, piano duet and hymn playing.

Alice Angel has earned eight gold cups. They are 15, 30 and 45 point cups in piano solo; 15, 30 and 45 point cups in piano duet; 15 pont cup in hymn playing and 15 point cup in organ solo. She graduated from Heritage High School.

Lisa Puckett has earned seven gold cups. They are 15 and 30 point cups in piano solo, 15 and 30 point cups in piano duet, 15 pont cup in solo vocal; 15 point cup in hymn playing and 15 point cup in organ solo. She graduated from Appomattox County High School.

These are students of Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan. Cups are earned by securing points continually through piano study for ages 4 through 18.

Tanner completes training

Pvt. Gail S. Tanner, daughter of Charlie E. and Franchon E. Tanner of Rural Route 460, Spout Spring, Va., has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Tanner is a 1977 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

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Mrs. Robert James Smith

Cerqua, Smith are wed

The marriage of Melinda McIntosh Cerqua to Robert James Smith took place on Saturday, Sept. 17 at seven thirty in the evening at Rocks Baptist Church in Pamplin.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. McIntosh of Pamplin and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Smith of Severna Park, Maryland.

The Rev. Wesley Williams officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Winfred Elder of Pamplin was pianist, and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Elder, also of Pamplin, presented the special music.

The bride wore a gown of Chiffonella. The high neckline, elbow length sleeves and fitted bodice was made of chantilly lace. The bodice was accented with an elegant off the shoulder illusion yoke. Full Chiffonella skirt flowed to a chapel train. A pink bowed sash with an ivory silk rose enhanced the bridal gown. The fingertip veil of bridal illusion was attached to a halo of pink and ivory silk flowers with satin ribbon streamers. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of pink carnations accented with ivory netting and baby's breath.

Mrs. Barry Elder of Pamplin was her sister's matron of honor and Miss Kelly Joyce of Winston Salem, N.C. was an attendant. Both were attired in pink gowns with a chiffon sash accented by a pink silk rose. They carried brandy snifters with multi-color flowers of pink, lavender and ivory accented with pink and ivory ribbons.

Mr. Steve Lawrence of Owings Mills, Md. was best man. Ushers were Mr. Barry Elder of Pamplin, brother-in-law of the bride; and Mr. Glen Smith of Spring Lake, N.C., brother of the groom.

Miss Beth Jones of Pamplin served at the wedding register.

Mrs. George Almond of Pamplin directed the wedding.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the felloswhip hall. The reception director was Mrs. Thomas Spain. The ladies serving at the reception were Mrs. Joanne East, Miss Rita Inge, Mrs. Lorena Snell and Mrs. Bettie Lyman. Others assisting were Mrs. Phyllis Richardson and Mrs. Shirley Richardson.

After a honeymoon trip to Switzerland, the couple will live in Lynchburg.

Parties honor couple

Miss Beverly Carter and Mr. Jerry Conner, whose wedding will take place on October 8, at 7 p.m. in Fort Hill Methodist Church in Lynchburg, were honored recently with a cook-out given by Ed Bower of Lynchburg, a member of the Carter-Conner wedding party, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Shields, at the Shields' home in Appomattox.

The bride and her attendants were also honored with a luncheon at Emil's Le Chalet, given by the bride's cousins, Miss Robin Mays of Lynchburg and Miss Tracy Mays of Charlottesville, attendants in the wedding and their mothers, Mrs. James E. Mays of Lynchburg and Mrs. Shirley Mays of Charlottesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baker, aunt and uncle of the bride, entertained with a cocktail party at their home in Forest Saturday evening, Sept. 10, in honor of Miss Carter and Mr. Conner.

Luncheon slated

Appomattox Homemakers Club will have a covered dish luncheon at the home of Helen Gunter on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 10:30 a.m.

All members are urged to attend.

Reunion held for Bryant

Robert Lee Bryant of Route 3, Appomattox was honored Sept. 11 with a reunion of immediate family members.

The day-long event was a covered-dish social which featured fellowship, fine food and swimming. It was held at the home of Mr. Bryant.

Guests at the reunuion included Elisha and Hattie Ferguson; Hop and Gladys Ferguson; Alfred and Ruby Bryant; Robert and Dale Bryant, Charlie and Edna Bryant; James and Thelma Franklin Sr.; Lloyd and Becky Bryant, Tanya Moore, Rodney Bryant; Tommy and Shelly Bryant; Mary and Andi Bryant; James and Alice Burks, James Burks III; Kenny and Jeneva Franklin; Chad Roxanne, and Toni Lynn Franklin; Timmy and Teresa Bryant; Becky Bass, Leon and Jean Bryant Sr.; Lisa and Valerie Bryant; Raymond and Doris Bryant, Bradley and Kimberly; Katrina and Steven Thomas, Frances Harris; Gilbert Walker; Dale and Donna Franklin; Jean Brown; Dot and Crawford Davidson; Beverly Davidson; and Preston Ferguson.

The Appomattox Woman's Club wishes to express deep appreciation to all the citizens of Appomattox County who supported the Miss Appomattox Pageant.

We are indeed grateful to those who made financial contributions through advertisements, donations of trophies or prizes for the contestants.

A special thank you goes to Debbie Rush and her esemble, Bonnie Hayes, Sammy Carter and George Cheatham; and to the Appomattox County High School for courtesies extended during the preparation, rehearsal and presentation of the Miss Appomattox Pageant.

(Photo by Shearer Robertson)
Mrs. David Ray Harris

Jones wed to Harris

The marriage of Miss Katherine Eloise Jones, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Jones of Spout Spring to David Ray Harris of Lynchburg, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Harris, Jr. of Lynchburg, took place on Saturday, September 17 at three o'clock in the afternoon at Salem United Methodist Church in Spout Spring.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Sam McGee.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents.

The maid of honor was Ms. Vickie Gunter of Lynchburg. The matron of honor was Mrs. Ronald H. Jones of Spout Spring, sister-in-law of the bride. Miss Margie Coleman of Gladstone was bridesmaid.

Music was provided by Mrs. Ray Metz of Rochester, N. Y., cousin of the bride.

The best man was Mr. Daniel Ashworth of Richmond. Ushers were Mr. Kenneth M. Harris of Rustburg, brother of the groom and Mr. Ronald H. Jones, of Spout Spring, brother of the bride.

Ringbearer was Joseph H. Jones, nephew of the bride.

Flower girl was Miss Kenya Harris of Rustburg, niece of the groom.

Following the ceremony a reception was held on the church lawn.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School. She is currently employed by Armstrong Furniture.

The groom is a graduate of Brookville High School and Central Virginia Community College. He is manager of Harris garage in Lynchburg.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Irby B. Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. F. Orman Jones of Spout Spring.

The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Effie Bowen and the late Mr. Charles Bowen of Lynchburg and Mrs. Kathleen Harris and the late Mr. John R. Harris Sr. of Forest.

After a wedding trip the couple will live in Lynchburg.

Storytime begins

Something new is being added at the Appomattox County Library . . . storytime.

Storytime begins at the library on Tuesday, Oct. 4, according to an announcement this week by Mrs. Mary Edith Morris,clerk, and will continue each Tuesday ,beginning at 1 p.m.

Robert Lee Bryant

Families plan reunion

A reunion for the relatives and friends of William Daniel B. Tyree, Maggie Woody Tyree, Carrington and Molly Woody, Johnny Lee and Dolly Gunter will be held Sunday, Sept. 25, 1983 at Gladstone Firehouse, Gladstone, Va.

The Firehouse is located on Rt. 60 about 15 miles east of Amherst and about 2½ miles west of the James ruver bridge at Bent Creek.

Bring a picnic basket. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Come and plan to spend the day with old friends and relatives.

Baldwin reunion is planned

The annual Doc Baldwin family reunion will be held on Sunday, October 2, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Pamplin Fire House.

Family members and friends are cordially invited to attend and bring a picnic basket.

Phelps, Fulton are engaged

Miss Lisa Domise Ferguson

Ferguson to wed Carter

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Phelps of Rt. 3, Appomattox announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Diane to Jon Lawson Fulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Fulton of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The wedding is planned for October 8, 1983 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church.

The reception will follow the ceremony. All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Agee completes camp

Cadet Edward E. Agee Jr., son of Edward E. and Winifred L. Agee of Rural Route 4, Appomattox, Va., received practical work in military leadership at the U.S. Army ROTC advanced camp, Fort Bragg, N.C.

The six-week camp, attended by cadets normally between their third and fourth year of college, includes instruction in communications, management and survival training.

Successful completion of the advanced camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant in either the U.S. Army, Army Reserve or National Guard for the cadet.

Agee is a ROTC cadet and a student at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Ferguson, Sr. are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Domise, to Ricky Orlando Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter, Sr., all of Appomattox.

Lisa is a 1983 graduate of Appomattox County High School. Ricky is also a 1983 graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by his father.

The wedding is planned for November 26, 1983 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Jordan Baptist Church. Invitations are being sent.

THE NEWLY ELECTED officers of the Appomattox Chapter of the UDC for 1983 to 1985 (left to right): Historian, Mrs. Lucille Ferrell; Treasurer of Memorial Fund and Registrar - Mrs. Louise Plunkett; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary Sue Gordon; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Lee; Vice President and Recorder of Crosses, Mrs. T. M. Cunningham; Second Vice President, Mrs. Hubert L. Wilkerson and President, Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr.; Treasurer of General Fund, Mrs. Frances P. Harvey (Not Pictured).

Social Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Hancock of Basking Ridge, N.J. and Dr. and Mrs. John Archer of Minneapolis, Minnesota have returned to their homes after an extended visit in the home of Miss Annie Hancock of Evergreen Avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Houser and Mrs. Florence Trent visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Gimbert in Virginia Beach recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bugg have returned home after vacationing in Daytonta Beach, Epcot Center and Disneyworld, Florida.

Birth announced

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Fortin, Jr. and their four year old daughter, Kimene, of Clearwater, Florida, proudly announce the arrival of a baby boy, Richard Fortin, III, born on September 5.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Blanche Phelps of Appomattox, and the late Enid Phelps.

Paternal grandparent is Mr. Richard Fortin, of Clearwater, Florida.

Mrs. Blanche Phelps has returned home after spending some time with her daughter and her family.

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